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Cities narrow their focus on new bridge sites

■ Southport crossing still lacks traction; bridge at Broadway/15th Street will get further scrutiny

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Sacramento's city council reacted to a new Sac/West Sac study of possible new river crossings by leaning away from the concept of a new bridge from Sutterville Road to the Lake Washington Boulevard in Southport. But the councils on both side of the river have still found some common ground.

From among eight possible bridge options, the two city councils last week were still looking seriously at at least two major bridge projects to better connect the cities. The most popular ideas seemed to be a replacement or expansion of the I Street Bridge

in the north area, and an entirely new connection just south of the Pioneer Bridge (which carries U.S. 50). The new southern connection might reach from Sacramento's Broadway area to West Sacramento's 15th Street

"One of the options is to replace the I Street Bridge and realign it on the Sacramento side," West Sacramento mayor Christopher Cabaldon told the News-Ledger. "Another option is a crossing at 15th Street and Broadway, just south of the Pioneer Bridge. Then there's the Sutterville Bridge option, and another I Street Bridge option — replacing it with a four-lane bridge with bike and pedestrian options (without realigning it)."

Added to the existing Tower and Pioneer crossings, that would make "essentially two in the north and two in the south," said Cabaldon.

Both city councils agreed

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Louie: more local history

In the past couple of weeks, the News-Ledger has reported on resident George Louie, a Southport man who has sued hundreds of California businesses for allegedly failing to comply with federal handicapped-access laws. Louie often accepts cash settlements to drop his lawsuits.

Recently, he targeted 17 West Capitol Avenue motels and Whitey's Jolly Kone, a drive-up burger restaurant on Jefferson Boulevard.

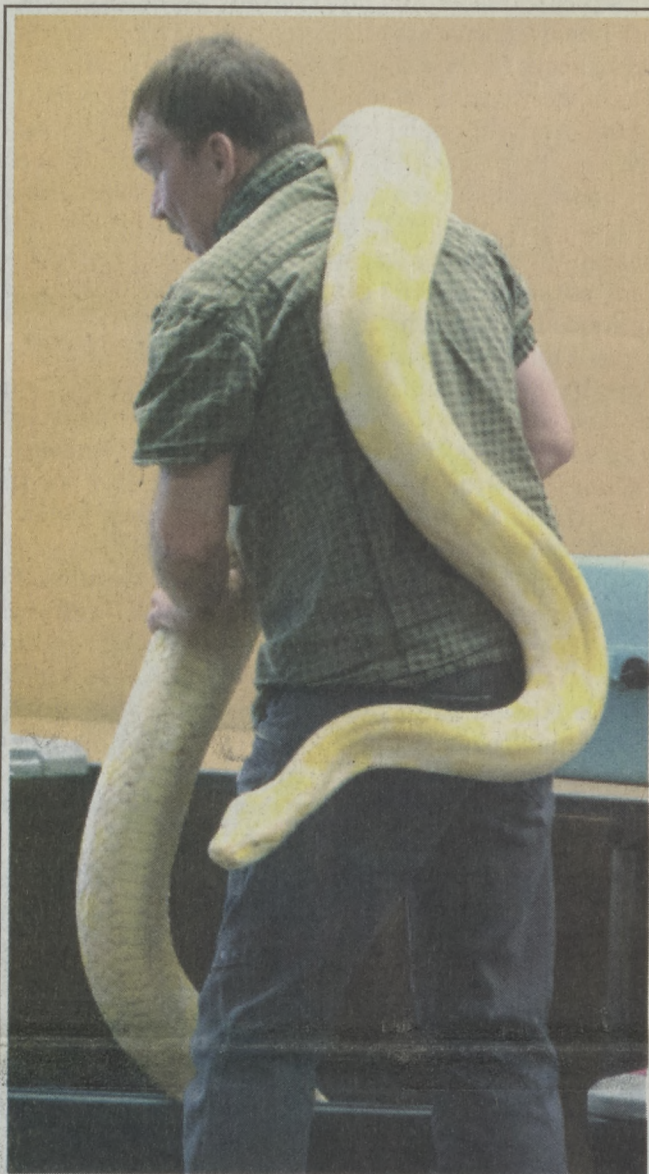
Here are a couple of more tidbits about Louie that did not arrive in time for our prior articles:

Last year, Louie and the City of West Sacramento settled a lawsuit in which Louie alleged that six lo-

cal parks and 19 street locations had accessibility problems. The allegations included inaccessible picnic tables and sidewalks. The city paid him \$25,000 in the settlement, which also required the city to come into compliance with ADA requirements. The city did not admit any liability.

According to West Sacramento's planning department, Louie was one of the people who applied for a permit to operate a medical marijuana dispensary in 2009. The application was never complete, said a spokesperson, and the city eventually decided not to authorize any such dispensaries.

Library hosts unusual guests



Dozens of kids and adults showed up on July 19 as the library branch in West Sacramento hosted "Python Ron" McGee and his entourage of snakes, lizards and insects. ABOVE LEFT: Python Ron with "Banana, a 12-foot, 90-pound albino Burmese python

ABOVE: a young volunteer from the public tries on a living "belt"

BELOW LEFT & RIGHT: More photos of "Python Ron" and his guests — both the human kind and the reptilian variety. Photos by ERIC HARDING, www.ebharding.com



West Sac balks at both choices for redevelopment

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

From the City of West Sacramento's point of view, the potential abolition of the local redevelopment agency is still the scariest thing to come out of the new state budget.

Since before the city formed, a local redevelopment agency has existed under state law. It's been allowed to issue bonds to pay for large public improvements, banking on gains from future property taxes to pay back those bonds. City officials credit the local redevelopment agency with helping create 1,170 affordable housing units, creating local riverfront parks and trails, building bridges, fixing sewers, revitalizing streetscapes, and building a community center, transit center and fire station.

The theory behind a redevelopment agency is basically that, by removing "blight," it

will increase property value. That will lead to more property tax "increment" in the future, which can be pledged to pay back large-ticket work needed now. The whole thing operates within a mapped area that, in West Sacramento's case, occupies a good chunk of the city.

Governor Brown's issue was that redevelopment agencies re-route property tax money away from state coffers. So he proposed abolishing the agencies — which he said he did reluctantly, as a former mayor of Oakland who successfully used redevelopment projects to help Oakland.

Now, state legislation is giving local governments a choice: either dissolve their redevelopment agencies and sell off their assets, or "pay to play." The plan would require West Sacramento to come up with \$6.5 million initially (an amount that might or might not be waivable, said Mayor Chris-

CHRISTOPHER CABALDON
Mayor of West Sacramento



topher Cabaldon) and then \$1.5 million annually.

Cabaldon said the choice of dissolving the agency or "paying to play" is a terrible one. "Both of the options the state has created are disastrous," he said. "On the one hand,

to make the 'ransom' payment is impossible. The amount the state is extorting from us is \$6.5 million. Our projected revenues are \$5 million. We will not have the money to make that payment."

And if the city pays up this year, it still faces uncertainty about whether it will have to pay even more money to the state in the future, he added.

"If the legislature were to get away with this, there's nothing to prevent them from doing it again next year," said Cabaldon.

Liquidating the agency would mean getting rid of a host of small properties, an action to be overseen by a coalition of other agencies. That local taxpayer value would then get dissipated regionally, and the local school district would also end up seeing the loss of some funding because its "pass

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What every woman needs in her handbag

I was talking to a friend the other day about how hard it is sometimes to come up with a new and relatively funny idea for this column every week and she said matter-of-factly, "Have you ever written about women's handbags?"

"You mean purses?" I asked.
"That's right."

"Well," I said, "not really, although I did once write a column about how the inside of my daughter's car often looks like the inside of a giant purse."

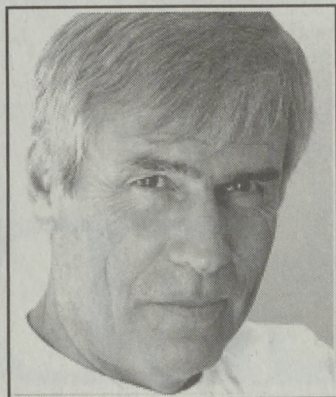
"She's a slob like me, huh?"

"Only when it comes to the inside of her car," I answered, "although she's married now and since her husband likes to keep both their vehicles clean, she's getting much better about it. But when she was younger, you wouldn't have believed the inside of her car. There was garbage and assorted junk scattered absolutely everywhere, including empty Diet Coke cans, Burger King and McDonald's cheeseburger wrappers, year-old French fries as hard as a rock, gym clothing in need of a good wash, you name it."

"Hey, that sounds like the inside of my car, minus the Diet Coke cans. I like the real thing!"

"So," I asked with interest, "what is funny

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

about a woman's handbag?"

"The fact that we fill them up with so much useless stuff," she explained. "Plus we can never find anything we actually need in the darn things. I try to clean all of mine out about twice a year so I can at least find my car keys, but before I know it, they are all a nightmare again. You know, I have a theory that Kleenex actually grows in handbags while we are sleeping. And although I can never find a pen in the entire house when I need one, there are always 9 or 10 of them in the bottom of most of my purses. And don't get me started on loose change. When I'm in the grocery store or out shopping, I never seem to have the time to give the clerks the exact amount they want, so I end up getting a lot of change back and I just throw it in my purse. So there is always tons of loose change in the bottom of my handbags and that is why I think my shoulder always hurts, from toting around pounds of pen-

nies, nickels, dimes and quarters. I also have dozens of little pieces of paper in my purses from people who gave me a note about something I'm supposed to remember, not to mention phone numbers of people I need to call, directions to this place or that, church bulletins from six months ago, and grocery lists never to be found again. Oh, and restaurant and grocery receipts are the worst of all because when they are handed to me I don't have anything else to do with them so I just shove them into my purse. It's too bad my husband hates to go shopping because I would sure love to stick him with some of those darn receipts. Anyway, that's why I usually finally get around to cleaning out all my purses, because they are overflowing with junk I don't need and all those disgusting-looking wadded up old Kleenex tissues that I blew my nose on months ago."

"Yuck!"

"Tell me about it!"
"Anyway," I said, "judging from that huge handbag you have on your shoulder today, there must be quite a few more things in it than just your car keys and your wallet and a bunch of used Kleenex tissues."

"Of course there is! I have most of my makeup stuff in this one, including my favorite lipsticks and perfumes, not to mention different moisturizers and an anti-bacteria hand cleaner that I take everywhere nowadays because this is getting to be a really gross world. But most important of all, I have my whistle."

"Your whistle?" I asked with interest.

"When I was young," explained my friend, "my mother insisted that I never leave the house without a whistle in my handbag. And I'm talking about one that makes a really loud noise when I blow it. Here, I'll show you."

After a few minutes of digging around in her huge purse, my friend proudly produced a very large, and very shiny, silver whistle. And when she put it in her mouth and blew it, I was sure that every poor dog for miles around was running for cover.

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"Wow," I said, both of my ears still ringing, "that thing really is loud!"

"That's the idea," said my friend with pride. "My mother said that if a man ever approached me who looked suspicious or like he wanted to kidnap me or something, I was to take my whistle out and blow it for all I was worth, and that he would get scared and run away."

"And that worked?"

"It sure did, and more than once, too. And now that I'm older, I even have a Plan B."

"What is Plan B?"

"Here," she said, handing me her handbag so I could feel just how heavy it was. "Now if I can't scare them away by blowing my whistle, then I'll just swing my handbag around until it hits them right smack in the mouth. I was born and raised in New Jersey, you know, and we don't mess around!"

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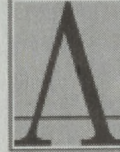
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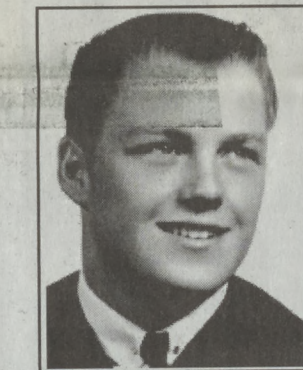
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Charles W. Moore

Charles William Moore

Charles Moore passed away on July 10, 2011 in his West Sacramento home surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy Moore; his children, Elizabeth (Bruce) Bagdazian, David (Julia) Moore and Brian Moore; his grandchildren, Rachel, Erika, Michael and Adam; and one great

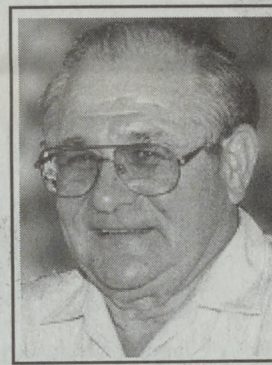
grandchild on the way.

Charles spent many years serving his community and received numerous awards for his involvement in the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, the American Cancer Society, and the Jaycees. In 1973 he was named one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America" for his dedication to improving the lives of others. He was also active in local youth baseball and was proud to have managed the 1985 West Sacramento Senior League All-Stars to within one game of going to the World Series.

"Charlie" loved his family, friends, fishing, baseball, and the community of West Sacramento, and he will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Friends are invited to at-

tend memorial services on July 29, 2011 at 10 a.m. at River Cities Funeral Chapel, 910 Soule Street in West Sacramento. Private inurnment. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Yolo County Mental Health Services, 137 N. Cottonwood Street, Suite 2500, Woodland, CA 95695.



'Kenny' Egbert

Charles Kenneth Egbert

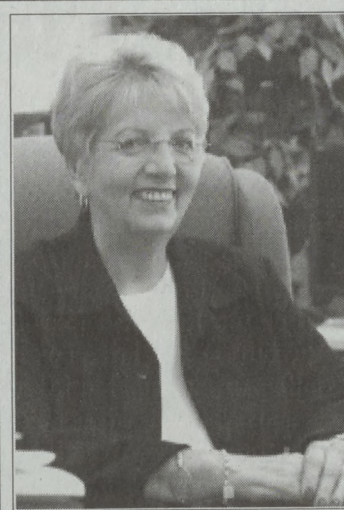
Kenny Egbert passed away on July 15, 2011 of natural causes. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and is survived by his sister, Freda; his daughter, Carol; his sons, Rodney and Lex; granddaughter Michelle; grandsons Chet, Bret, Lex Kenny, Kyle and Kevin; seven great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Kenny, also known by many as "Buddy" or "The Cookie Man", was born in Orland, California on April 8, 1923 and attended schools in Williams, California where he was active in sports and student government. He served his country as a first sergeant in the

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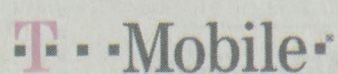
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'Night Out'

The "National Night Out Against Crime" will return on Tuesday, Aug. 2, to a number of West Sacramento neighborhoods. The event is co-sponsored by local police, who have coordinated with over 15 block parties throughout town. From 6-9:30 p.m., residents are encouraged to leave a porch light on, lock their doors, and come outside and meet their neighbors to network against crime during these block parties. There will be visits from offices, firefighters, and others.

Elks' dinner

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will hold a BBQ rib & chicken dinner on Sat., Aug. 6, from 6-8 p.m. at 423 3rd Street. Advance tickets are \$12; at the door it's \$17; and children under 12 are \$6 at the door. Call 372-3057 or 371-7122.

Library fun

The West Sac library branch (1212 Merkley Ave.) will hold a variety of programs for readers of all ages this summer. There is a summer reading program with prizes for kids up to age 12; a teen summer reading program with prizes up to a "flip camera"; an adult summer reading program with prizes (and a chance to review books for your fellow readers); plus ongoing programs such as storytime for kids 2-12 months, toddlers and preschool children. Also ongoing are bilingual (Spanish/English, Russian/English) storytime programs for kids up to age five. All programs are free! For information, call 375-6465.

Firefighters' buffet

The West Sacramento Moose Family Center offers a free breakfast buffet to all active and retired firefighters on Sun., July 31, from 9-11 a.m. at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. Cost to Moose members is \$7 (\$3.50 for children under 12). For information, call Cindy, 371-9191.

County offices

To help meet budget challenges, some offices of the County of Yolo will have special closures during the coming year. For a schedule of closures, visit www.yolocounty.org and go to "hot topics" and "department closures."

Girls' softball

West Sacramento Girls Softball will hold signups on July 27 from 6-7 p.m. at Alyce Norman/Bryte playfields. The

league is open to girls age 8-12. Registration fee is \$60, and girls will play a minimum of eight games in matches against Natomas and Rio Linda teams. For more information, call 371-1513.

Gallery

Painter and writer Maceo Montoya is the featured artist for July at Gallery 625, inside the county administration offices at 625 Court Street in Woodland. He's an assistant professor in the Chicano Studies department at UC Davis. Join him at a reception from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 1. For information, call (530) 406-4844 or visit www.yoloarts.org.

Cheap books

The Friends of the Library Book Sale Alcove will feature reduced book prices through July. Buy a fiction paperback or a book-on-tape for 25 cents. The alcove is near the entrance to the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue.

Stay afloat

Visiting a local waterway? Smart enough to respect the danger of fast currents and cold waters? Anybody age 18 and up can visit any of the five West Sacramento fire stations to borrow life jackets for the whole family, for a day or for a weekend. Free! Bring each family member to ensure a proper fit. For information, call 617-4600.

Farmers Market

West Sacramento's new farmers market continues on Thursdays, from about 4:30-8 p.m., at 1271 West Capitol (the usually-empty lot behind Walgreens). It will continue on Thursdays through September. There are farmers signed up to sell fresh produce, and restaurants and food vendors as well. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 371-7042 or marketinfo@wsfarmersmarket.com.

Rummage sale

Centennial Rotary Club of West Sacramento will hold a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to noon on Sat., Aug. 6, at the Whitey's Jolly Kone parking lot, 1300 Jefferson Boulevard. Proceeds will benefit local programs including kids' activities at the West Sacramento Teen Center, Meals on Wheels, and other programs. There will be furniture, household goods, clothing, antiques and collectibles for sale.

Fraud awareness

Dave Edwards of the Yolo County District Attorney's of-

fice will teach older adults how to avoid becoming the victim of identity theft, mail fraud, check scams, lottery scams or telephone scams. Drop in at the library meeting room, 1212 Merkley Avenue, from 11 a.m. to noon on Wed., Aug. 3. For information, call the library, 375-6465.

Whooping cough

The Yolo County Health Department will hold extra vaccine clinics through August for kids in grades 7-12, to meet new "whooping cough" vaccination requirements in local school districts. Beginning July 1, all students entering these grades (in public and private schools) will need to show proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school. West Sacramento clinics will be held at 500-B Jefferson Blvd., from 3-6 p.m. on July 21, Aug. 4 & 18; from 9-3 on Aug. 22; and from 8:30-11:30 on Aug. 24. For more information, visit www.yolohealth.org or call 375-6380 in West Sacramento.

Weight loss

"Take off Pounds Sensibly" (TOPS) will hold a spaghetti dinner on July 30 at the Elks Lodge, 424 3rd Street, from 6-8 p.m. \$10 for adults in advance, \$5 for children, and \$12 at the door. There will be a drawing and live music from a TOPS member. Funds raised will help send members to International Recognition Days in San Diego. Call Carol or Verle at 372-8403.

WW II vets

The West Sacramento Historical Society is looking for family photographs of local veterans of World War II, and for war memorabilia. The society is working on a new exhibit featuring WW II vets from West Sacramento. Call Mickey Fausett at (916) 201-7551 or Thom Lewis at 372-7438.

Local produce

The Bryte & Broderick Urban Farm Stand returns to town every Saturday through October. This year, the farm stand will bring fresh regional produce for sale locally at a site at Holy Cross Church, 800 Todhunter Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The farm stand offers a new offer to EBT/CalFresh users: for every \$5 in purchases made with your CalFresh/EBT card (formerly known as food stamps), receive another \$5 to spend at the farm stand, while supplies last. The farm stand is pro-

vided by Alchemist CD with partners Bryte & Broderick Community Action Network and the West Sacramento Youth Resource Coalition, whose members gain skills staffing the stand.

Senior lunches

The Elderly Nutrition Program has created a second site for serving lunches to seniors age 60-plus in West Sacramento. "Prime Time Café II" at the new community center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue, will be open at noon on Mondays and Fridays beginning Aug. 19. Suggested donation is \$3. Reservations 24 hours in advance, please: call 373-5805.

Computer classes

A class on basic computer skills will be offered from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. The class is intended for those with "very limited" computer knowledge, and will cover computer basics, Internet service, search engines, free email, online shopping and Internet safety. A follow-up class will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Aug. 16, and it will include a review of the first class, online Internet searches, and the basics of Microsoft Word and Excel Spreadsheet. No charge.

Fight Night

A second "fight night" of boxing matches is planned for Sat., July 30, at Holy Cross Parish, 1321 Anna Street in West Sacramento. The action begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Sponsored by Mateen Boxing Club and James Marzano.

Flip-flops

A local charity is collecting donated new flip-flop sandals for delivery to "poor, orphaned and neglected children" in Masiphumelele, a "shanty town" in Fish Hoek, South Africa. Contact "Beyond Population Me," at info@beyondpopulationme.org.

Pet adoption

The Yolo County Animal Shelter offers special terms for pet adoption for August: Adopt two kittens (under four months) for \$75 (normal cost is \$110 per kitten) during the entire month. From Aug. 9-13, adopt cats or single kittens for \$55, or dogs and puppies for \$75 plus license. Normal cost for adoption of a dog or puppy is \$175 per license. Call (530) 668-5287.

Car wash

The youth of Trinity Presbyterian Church will hold a fundraising car wash at Whitey's Jolly Kone (1300 Jefferson Blvd) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sat., July 30. Proceeds support the church's youth programs. Bring your dirty car & help them out.

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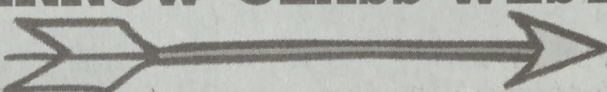
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Police log

Information for this 'Police Log' has come directly from original police reports and documents. It's just a sampling of the reports, calls for service and arrests made by the West Sacramento Police Department during the past week. The information includes citizen complaints and other statements that have not substantiated or verified by an investigation or a courtroom.

July 23, 12:55 a.m.

On Elder Drive, a resident reported that she was going through a separation with her husband. He took her car without permission while she was sleeping.

July 23, 1:01 a.m.

A West Capitol Avenue man and woman were in an argument. He then took her wallet.

July 23, 2:19 a.m.

A woman said her cell phone had been stolen at a bar on

the 2100-block of West Capitol. But she was currently tracking its location.

July 23, 3:07 a.m.

A driver reported somebody was aggressively trying to sell drugs from a gas station on the 2800-block of West Capitol. Two men wearing black and carrying black bags yelled at him to "buy some trees" as he drove past, but the driver kept going.

July 23, 7:24 a.m.

On Longcroft Street, a citizen reported a truck's tires had been slashed – and it smelled like somebody had poured gasoline into the passenger side of the truck.

July 23, 8:02 a.m.

Someone reported that a car's side mirror had been broken and there was paint splattered on the side of a house on Westacre Road. It looked like a paintball gun had been used.

July 23, 11:08 a.m.

A witness said a possibly drunk driver in a green station wagon had pulled in to a West Sac location. The driver "can barely walk" and "looks crazy."

July 23, 12:35 p.m.

The tires of a vehicle on James Street man were slashed. A 76-year old male neighbor was seen doing it, said a witness.

July 23, 12:37 p.m.

A lodge on Jefferson Boulevard said an 80-year old former member who had been banned was again at the scene causing a disturbance. The man was "bipolar, and in a manic phase." The caller had already driven him home to his "state street" area house three times.

July 23, 11:46 a.m.

A pickup truck with a camper shell was stolen within the past 90 minutes from Orinda Place.

July 23, 1:08 p.m.

A man staying in a motel on the 4700-block of West Capitol Avenue had cameras in his room, "pointing outward and filming other tenants."

July 23, 1:50 p.m.

A Maple Street resident said he had had friends over – and they apparently stole his gun when he stepped out.

July 23, 5:47 p.m.

A woman said she attends Alcoholic Anonymous meetings at a Drever Street location. An unknown woman from those meetings was following her to other AA meetings, and the first woman felt "she is being stalked."

July 23, 6:44 p.m.

A man moored a boat on the river near the Pioneer Bridge, where he said it was damaged by passing boats.

July 23, 11:36 p.m.

A resident of Valley Oak Lane reported seeing a man climbing a fence and stealing pieces of gutter from a

roof overhang.

July 24, 1:21 a.m.

A resident near Duet Drive and Independence Avenue said a driver let a passenger out, and the passenger was looking into parked vehicles and mailboxes on the street.

July 24, 1:31 a.m.

A witness reported seeing a car run two stop signs near Merkley and Poplar.

July 24, 1:52 a.m.

A caller said his (or her) gas line was disconnected several days ago by the utility company. Now, he could feel vibration under his bed, and he thought that was related. Firefighters responded but did not find anything. The resident called dispatchers back to say that they did not go upstairs into a tenant's space to check it out, and he could let them in up there if they came back.

July 24, 2:43 a.m.

A "hysterical" woman called to report two pit bull dogs had attacked a cat at a Madrone Avenue apartment complex. The woman and a neighbor were unable to go outside a unit they were visiting to return home, because of the dog.

July 24, 4:20 a.m.

A neighbor insisted that a Paradise Way household "be spoken to" about the home's dogs. The neighbor was willing to sign a complaint.

July 24, 8:56 a.m.

A dog was reportedly attacked by a pit bull on Cummins Way.

July 24, 10:22 a.m.

A resident of China Hat Island Road said a laptop computer and iPhone were taken the prior night when visitors were at the home.

July 24, 7:36 a.m.

A Merkley Avenue resident reported that a son was threatening to commit suicide on the train tracks.

July 24, 10 a.m.

A Cummins Way woman said a tenant's boyfriend had threatened to harm her and had just vandalized her plants.

July 24, 10:46 a.m.

A witness reported a suspicious suitcase that "looks out of place" at Enterprise and Lake.

July 24, 10:53 a.m.

A Southport resident reported that a mother was threatening to shoot herself. Later, a man at the location reported his wife was "out of control," throwing belongings outside, breaking things and letting the dogs out of the yard.

July 24, 12:25 p.m.

An Evergreen Circle man said his child's mother was threatening not to return their child after her scheduled visitation today.

July 24, 12:40 p.m.

A woman reported that she thought her stolen bike was at a 5th Street apartment. A woman there had told her that her brother-in-law had been seen riding it. He was a "known thief."

July 24, 1:01 p.m.

The victim of an assault at a nearby motel went to a West Capitol bowling alley for assistance. He was conscious and breathing.

July 24, 1:53 p.m.

A witness said there was a registered sex offender sitting on the fence next to the children's ballfields on Carrie Street.

July 24, 1:57 p.m.

A woman on 6th Street reported that her ex-boyfriend had assaulted her last night, and again this morning.

July 24, 3:14 p.m.

A Milton Street resident reported that a dog was taken the prior day.

July 24, 3:55 p.m.

A Merkley Avenue resident said a female neighbor had screamed and cursed at him/

her for possibly sweeping some leaves onto the woman's property.

July 24, 6:40 p.m.

A witness said that a group of about five teenage males was walking on Jefferson Boulevard, jumping in front of cars and standing in traffic.

July 24, 7:29 p.m.

Resident returned to a Fairway Drive home after a week away – and found that a surveillance camera there had been moved and "sprayed with something."

July 24, 7:46 p.m.

A citizen said a man and woman were "dumpster diving" at a Sacramento Avenue apartment complex, and asked police to "just run (the) subjects out of the complex."

July 24, 7:46 p.m.

A witness said that about 10 minutes earlier, some subjects arrived in a cream-colored Accord, got out and smashed windows on two dark Siennas, and possibly reached inside them before leaving the location at F and 2nd streets. The witness took a picture of the suspects' vehicle.

July 24, 10:13 p.m.

The exterior lights were stolen from over a Washington Place garage.

July 24, 10:32 p.m.

A Greenwood Avenue resident said a carbon monoxide alarm had gone off, and the resident and resident's mother both now had headaches.

July 24, 11:14 p.m.

An unknown person just broke the window of an upstairs bedroom on Costa Court.

July 24, 11:21 p.m.

A man and woman who co-leased a Merkley Avenue home got into an argument, and she locked him out. The man called dispatchers to ask "what he can do legally to get back in."

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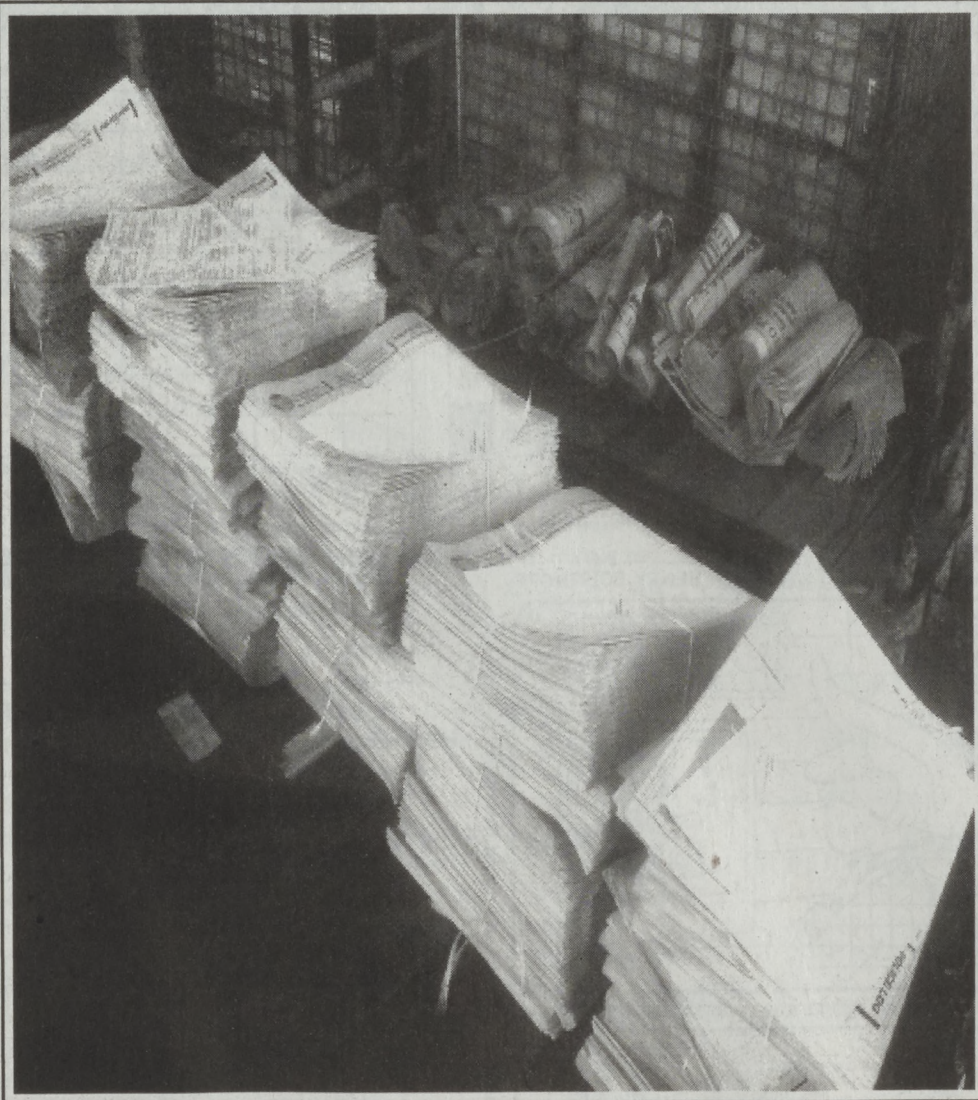
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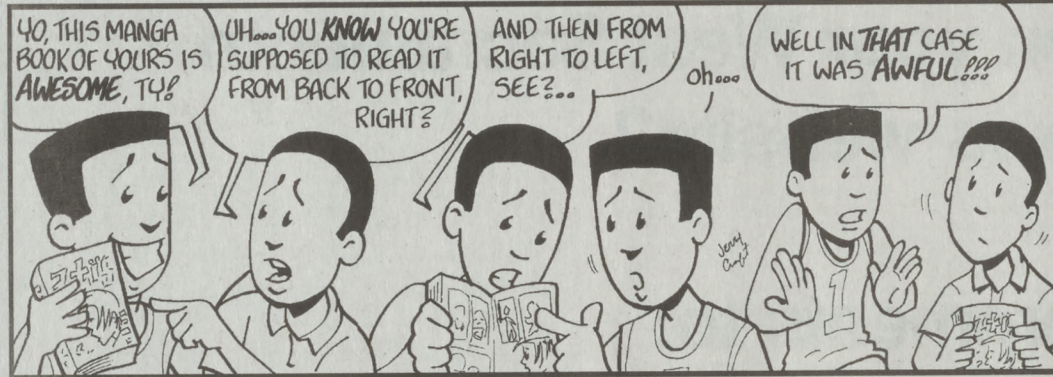
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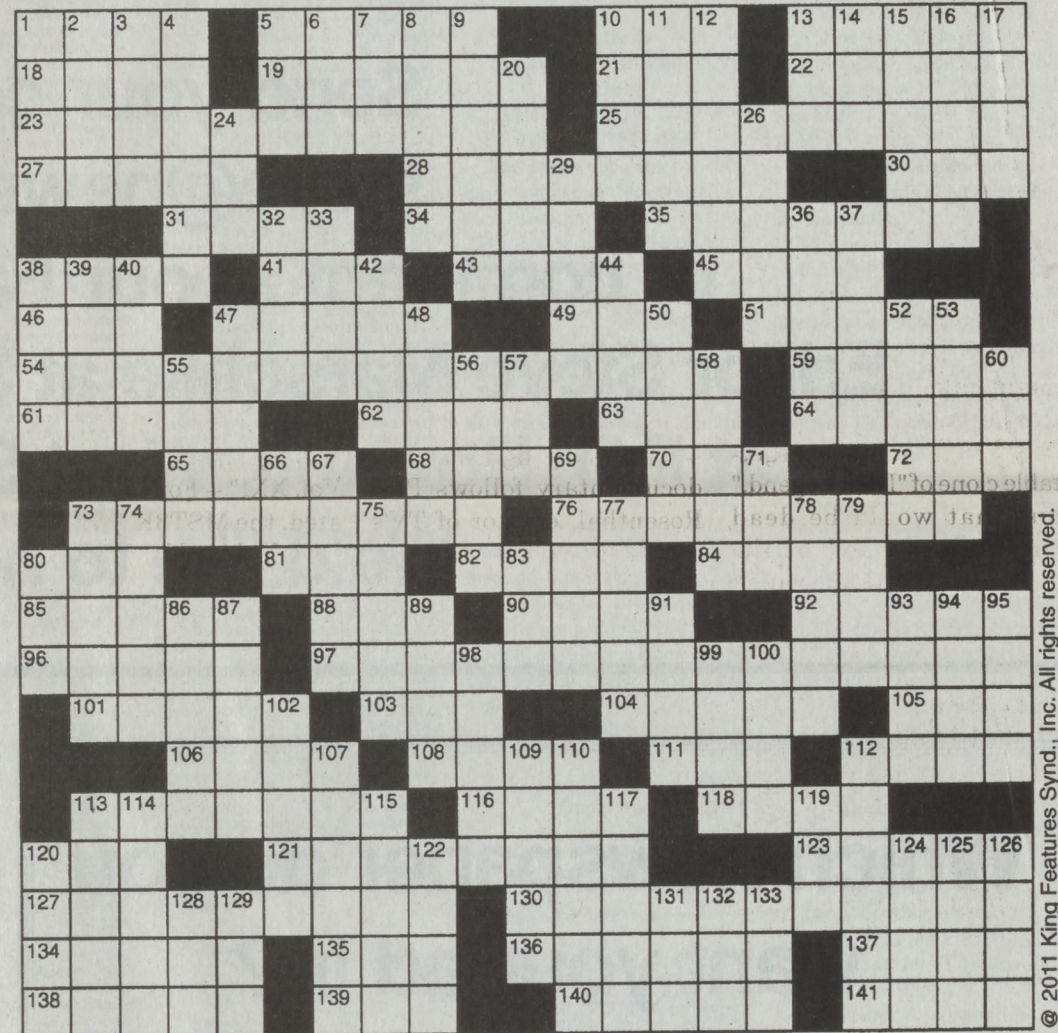
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Super Crossword WHIRLED TOUR

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Hollywood clasher	1 Narcissus' nymph
5 Out of line	2 Big kid?
10 Palindromic Parseghian	3 Fail to mention
13 Haarlem export	4 Glossy cloth
18 '78 Bujold thriller	5 Garment part
19 Lavished	6 — Paulo,
21 Waggle	
22 Meyerbeer masterpiece	
23 West Indian trouble-maker?	
25 Mideastern show tune?	
27 Aquatic animal	
28 Appraise	
30 Compass pt.	
31 Vacation sensation	
34 Citrus fruit	
35 Brand or Chamberlain	
38 Thames town	
41 Son of Noah	
43 Touch down	
45 "— Dinah" ('58 hit)	
46 Opening	
47 — acid	
49 One — customer	
51 Gambols	
54 Speechless, in South-east Asia?	
59 Church members	
61 Hold up	
62 Pro bono	
63 Summer quencher	
64 Gawk	
65 Israeli dance	
68 TV's "— Life"	
70 Brenda or Brandon	
72 "Unforgettable" name	
73 South American designer?	
76 Scandinavian sugar substitute?	
80 Muir or Miniver	
81 By means of	
82 Nobelist	
84 — gin fizz	
85 Gam and Wilson	
88 Exec's deg.	
90 Concept	
92 Pointless	
96 Adult insect	
97 Central American song?	
101 Addis —	
103 Rock's —	
104 Ointment	
105 Ornamental vine	
106 Whip, for one	
108 Family members,	
111 Hum bug?	
112 Perplexed	
113 Artist Vincent	
116 Stagger	
118 Haul	
120 Impresario	
121 Self-Hurok	
122 Assurance	
123 Biblical kingdom	
127 Caribbean entree?	
130 African palanquins?	
134 Where the buoys are	
135 Fr. holy woman	
136 Beethoven symphony	
137 Ginger cookie	
138 Swelling	
139 Aunt or niece	
140 Bestow	
141 "Guarding —" ('94 film)	
	142 — "The Burning Bed"
	143 "Heavens to Betsy!"
	144 "Little Man" ('91 film)
	145 Fail birthstone
	146 Irritate
	147 Mrs. David Copperfield
	148 "Blue —" ('77 hit)
	149 It's walked at Windsor
	150 Baffle
	151 Nero's river instrument
	152 Scarecrow stuffing
	153 Bolger/Haley co-star
	154 Singer Della
	155 Moist
	156 Starts a lawn
	157 Still
	158 Gun the engine
	159 Out on —
	160 Stage whisper
	161 Sushi candidate
	162 — donna
	163 Cornerstone
	164 Tag
	165 Literary parson
	166 Din
	167 Easter ends it
	168 Med. test
	169 Taylor or Trotta
	170 "F Troop" corporal
	171 Edna Ferber novel
	172 Crooked
	173 Spirited steed
	174 Baudelaire's buddies
	175 Church area
	176 "Orinoco Flow" singer
	177 Grenoble's river
	178 Beseeched
	179 Done
	180 Take on
	181 Way out
	182 On edge
	183 Anchored
	184 Taken way back?
	185 Endorse, with "for"
	186 "The Sandbox" playwright
	187 Wasteland
	188 Enticed
	189 Timber tree
	190 Sailboat, e.g.
	191 — Ball (arcade game)
	192 Mozart's "— kleine Nachtmusik"
	193 Some underwear
	194 Snake charmer's crew
	195 Bond rating
	196 NBC comedy showcase
	197 Spirited steed
	198 Sgt. or cpl.
	199 Cornfield cry



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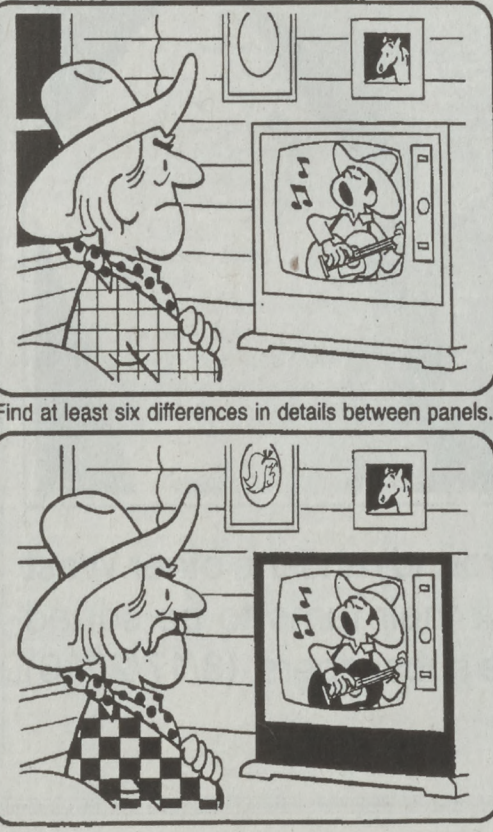
GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★
★ Moderate ★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Candy cane | Gridiron | Referee | Ties |
| Chipmunk | Honey bee | Skunk | Tiger |
| Crosswalk | Parking lot | Soccer pitch | Zebra |
| Flags | Prison wear | Suits | |

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS

BY SAM STRUCKHOFF

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Aug. 1, 2011.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Music Never Stopped" (PG) -- This is an uplifting family drama for people who really love their music. After being separated for 20 years, Henry Sawyer (J.K. Simmons) is reunited with his son Gabriel (Lou Taylor Pucci) under grim circumstances -- Gabriel has a brain tumor that has robbed him of his ability to form new memories. Determined to have a real conversation with his son, Henry finds a therapist who discovers that music can awaken something in Gabriel and give him a chance to have meaningful conversations again. Those who can connect to the music or the strained relationship will be taken on a dramatic ride, piloted by an astounding performance by J.K. Simmons -- an actor who you have doubtlessly seen and heard in the past decade, but never knew his name or that he could handle a leading role so well. **"Stakeland"** (R) -- One might take a brief look at this post-apocalyptic horror film and think it a forgettable clone of "I Am Legend," but that would be dead wrong. "Stakeland" is the story of survivors and vamp-



J.K. Simmons, Lou Taylor Pucci

hunters in the wastelands of America after a vampire epidemic has left human society scattered and living in tiny, frightened rural clusters. The performances, atmosphere and suspense bring a nightmare vision to life without overplaying the violence and gore. Monster-fans who want to see vampires return to their virulent, nonromantic blood-frenzied glory will flock to this movie like a swarm of nocturnal predators descending on a helpless village.

"Exporting Raymond" (PG) -- This goofy light-hearted documentary follows Phil Rosenthal, creator of TV's "Everybody Loves Raymond," as he travels to

Moscow to aid in the production of Russia's attempt to produce its own version, "Everybody Loves Kostya." Dry humor is one of those things that's highly culture-sensitive, as Rosenthal quickly finds out when the comedy he helped create is wildly and hilariously misinterpreted every step of the way. The comedy sparks flying away from the culture clash are funnier than most sitcom episodes.

CULT CORNER

"MST3K Vs. Gamera: Mystery Science Theater 3000, Vol. XXI" -- For the uninitiated, the MST3K series follows Joel (and later Mike) as he and his robot pals are

forced to watch silly B-movies as an experiment for their evil boss. The result is an endearing TV show that gives the experience of watching wonderfully awful movies with a couch full of quick-witted friends.

This particular box set contains every episode in which they critique movies from the Gamera series -- a Japanese contemporary to the much more popular Godzilla. This set is good for anyone looking to fill out their collection or jump into the MST3K series; a Japanese movie giant flying turtle monster is always good for a laugh.

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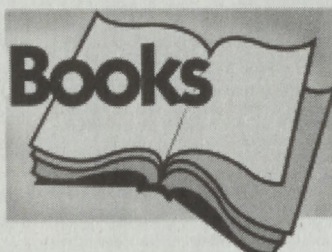
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"Red on Red"
by Edward Conlon
(Spiegel & Grau, \$26)
Reviewed by Rose M. Croke



NYPD Detective Nick Meehan, feeling the effects of a busted marriage and mid-career burnout, is yearning for a change when he accepts a special assignment from Internal Affairs to investigate Detective Esposito, a suspected corrupt cop and Meehan's new partner. Meehan and Esposito have radically different work styles and methods of persuasion. Meehan is introverted, conflicted and reflective. Esposito is ambitious and theatrical, self-serving yet effective.

Together, these unlikely partners become friends and work a heavy caseload that includes the apparent suicide by hanging of a lonely immigrant, a serial rapist preying on women in upper Manhattan, a troubled Catholic schoolgirl who appears in the wrong place with eerie regularity, and the gangland murders of rival drug dealers (called "red on red" or "criminal on criminal killings").

"Red on Red" marks the fiction debut of Edward Conlon, author of the bestselling memoir "Blue Blood." Set in Washington Heights in the northern tip of Manhattan,

"Red on Red" is a sprawling epic about two men on the same side of the law working together with secrets and motivations unbeknownst to each other. As Meehan and Esposito investigate these cases, Conlon provides exquisitely detailed insights into what makes these two men tick. Impressive in its scope, Conlon explores the character flaws and foibles that make these characters sublimely complex and the depths of human need and ego that drive them.

"Red on Red" is a nuanced and layered character study that slowly envelops the reader. With a cinematographer's eye, Conlon reveals the light and dark that exist in both his main characters. He doesn't just write the story -- he paints it from different, myopic perspectives. Small, inconsequential details lead to big breaks and ultimately reveal the big picture. What emerges is a thoughtfully crafted mosaic of police work and street life, and a story that stays with the reader long after the conclusion.

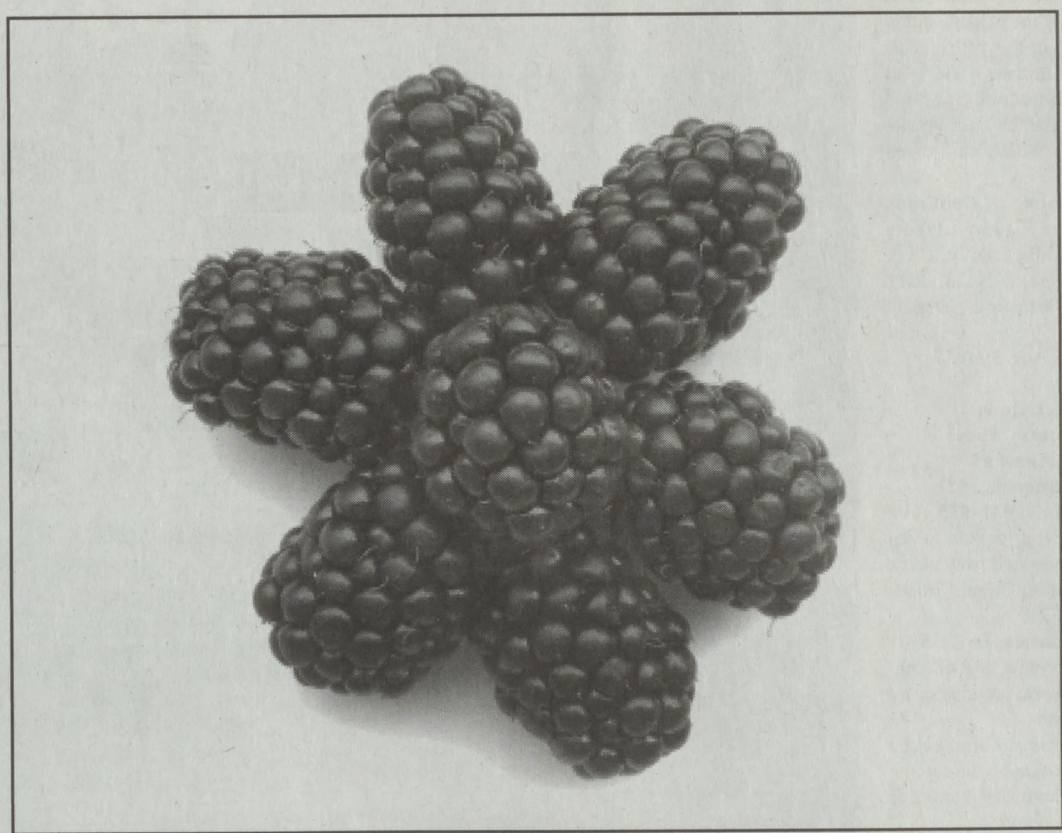


Beautiful Blackberries

Blackberries are one of the great gifts of summer. The berries bloom from mid- to late June, and in most parts of the county, start ripening toward the middle of July. Ripe and unripe blackberries frequently appear on the plants at the same time. The berries are small, green, hard and sour at first, becoming larger, juicier and sweeter as they ripen. Here are some great blackberry facts, tips and a recipe to help you with your summer berry picking and eating!

Blackberry Facts:

- ¥ Select plump, firm and fully black berries. Unripe berries will not ripen once picked.
- ¥ Do the math and be careful not to over-purchase, as blackberries quickly mold when left at room temperature and only last a few days in the refrigerator.
- ¥ You easily can freeze berries that you can't use right away -- just wash, cut the hulls off and spread the berries out on a baking pan. Place the berries in the freezer. When frozen, place them into a re-sealable bag, pressing out as much air as possible, and then freeze the berries.
- ¥ The U.S. Department of Agriculture says 1 cup of blackberries has about 62 calories.
- ¥ A cup of blackberries, not packed down, weighs almost one-third of a pound.
- ¥ Blackberries were enjoyed by the ancient Greeks, who believed them to be a cure



for diseases of the mouth and throat, as well as a preventative against many ailments, including gout. ¥ The blackberry leaf also was used as an early hair dye, having been recommended by Nicholas Culpeper, the 17th-century English herbalist, to be boiled in a lye solution in order to "maketh the hair black."

¥ Blackberry tea was said to be a cure for dysentery during the Civil War. During outbreaks of dysentery, temporary truces were declared to allow both Union and Confederate soldiers to "go blackberrying" to forage for blackberries to ward off the disease.

¥ Researchers have known for quite some time that berries contain antioxidants, which help to fight cancer-causing free radicals. A study at the University of Ohio has found that blackberries are the most potent cancer fighting berries of them all, by nearly 40 per-

cent!

¥ This delicious Blackberry, Pecan and Goat Cheese Salad showcases the sweetness of the berry while providing the crunch and smoothness of the pecans and goat cheese. It's the perfect summer salad!

BLACKBERRY, HONEY PECAN AND GOAT-CHEESE SALAD

This salad beautifully showcases the best blackberries of the season. It's also a refreshing accompaniment to grilled or spicy barbecue dishes.

- 1/4 cup pecan pieces
- 1 1/2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 small garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 package (6 ounces) salad

greens

- 2 packages (4 to 5 ounces each) fresh blackberries, washed and drained
- 1 large avocado, diced
- 3 tablespoons crumbled goat cheese
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon or lime juice

1. In a small, non-stick skillet, add the pecans and drizzle with 1/2 tablespoon of the honey. Stir and saute until the nuts are lightly browned and fragrant, about 4 minutes. Cool and set aside.

2. In small bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, the remaining 1 tablespoon of honey, garlic, mustard, salt and the black and cayenne pepper. Set aside.

3. In salad bowl, toss together salad greens, blackberries and pecans. Add the avocado and goat cheese on top. Sprinkle with the lemon or lime juice. Pour on dressing and toss gently. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

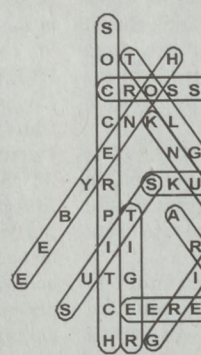
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Super Crossword

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THINGS WITH STRIPES



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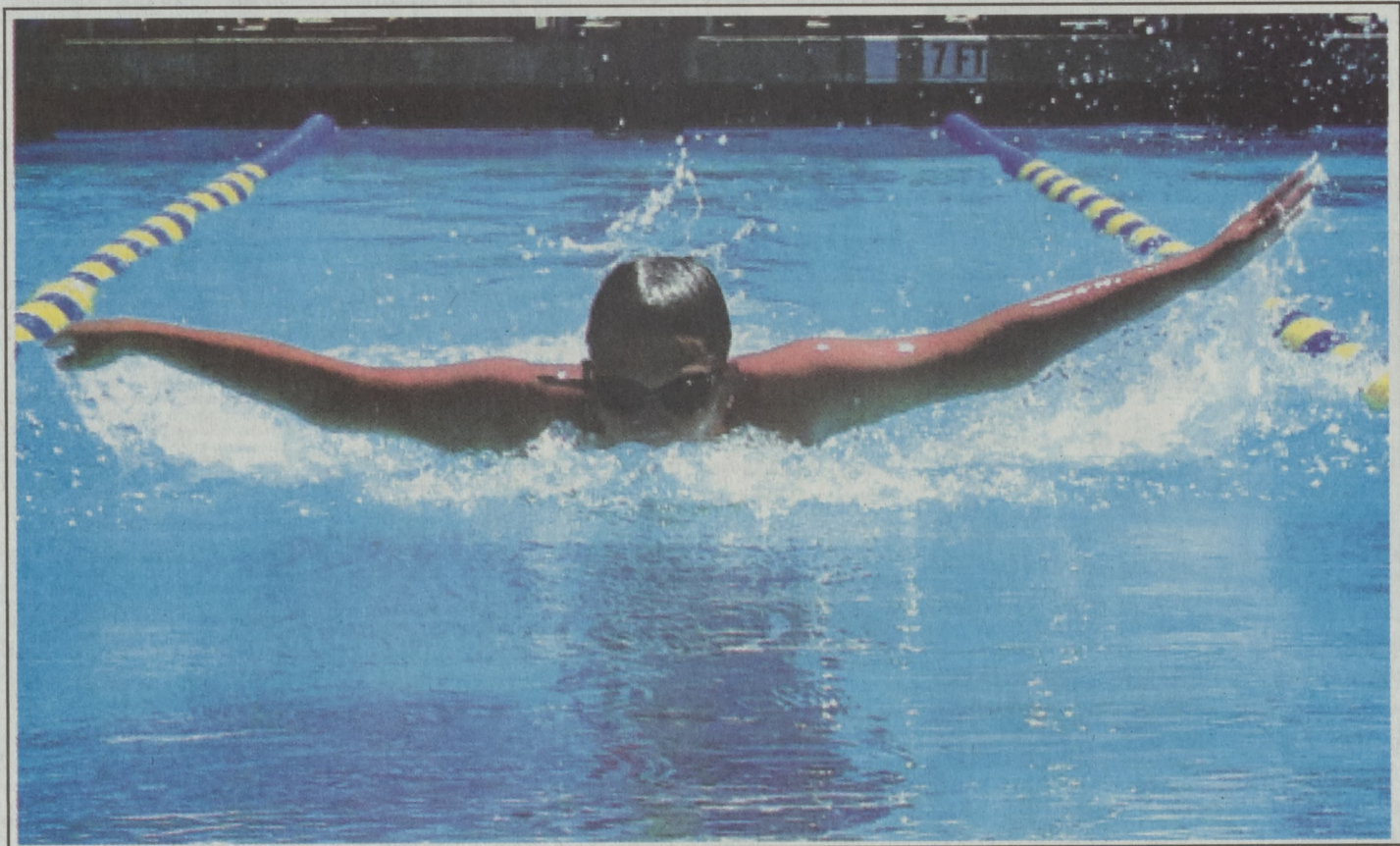
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9	3	4	1	7	6	2	8	5
7	6	5	3	2	8	9	1	4
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SPORTS

Dolphins prove too quick to beat



Julian Wright, 13, swimming the butterfly stroke on Day 2 of the weekend's two-day championship meet.
Photo courtesy of Heather Wright

On Sunday at the Recreation Center Pool, the West Sacramento Dolphins Swim Team swam their way to winning the Motherlode Conference Champions beating rivals Arden Hills, Amador, and Galt in a four way season-ending meet. The Dolphin team is made up of 200 swimmers from town ranging in age from 4 to 18 years old. The athletes, coaches, (and parents), endured a very cold swim season and also earned the regular season "Dual Meet Champions" title for only the second time in its history. (Information courtesy of Matthew Hargrove)



Photo from left to right: Dan Mahafy (6 and Under Coach); Mike Campisi (Head Coach); Alex Silva (President); Brittney Rojo (Assistant Coach); Jenna Alander (Assistant Coach); Kurt Riedel (Assistant Coach) Ivan Dorokhin (Jr. Coach); Kelsey Rojo (Assistant Coach)

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that they want to create "neighborhood-friendly" crossings.

Or, as Sacramento's director of transportation was quoted in the Bee, "No Pioneer Bridge 2, the sequel."

Sacramento also wants to do more extensive analysis of the impacts of a Broadway bridge on businesses and residents of that area. Locals there — like those further south, near Sutterville Road — have expressed their concerns about the impact of a new bridge from West Sac.

The two cities are now delving into the question of just how to make a "neighborhood-friendly" bridge to tie the riverfront together better than the soaring concrete mass that is the Pioneer Bridge. They also have not made any final determination on the number of new bridge connections, or exactly what kind of traffic (ve-

hicle, bike or pedestrian) each will handle.

Also to be determined is the question of boat traffic. Will the new bridges need to be movable — like the rotating I Street Bridge or the lifting-style Tower Bridge? Failing that, will they have to be built very tall and expensive like the Pioneer Bridge, as another way to accommodate tall boats?

Or can the new spans be built closer to the water — say, 30 feet off the water, and relatively small, simple and cheap?

Right now, the federal government considers the Sacramento River to be a "navigable waterway," said Cabaldon. That means a new bridge has to be either very high or else movable to allow for ship traffic. But the two cities might try to change that designation, allowing lower, cheaper bridge

construction.

Low bridges might impede some tall traffic — like taller sailboats — but Cabaldon said that traffic is minimal anyway.

The mayor said that while new connections to the freeway system and Sacramento employment centers are important to West Sacramentans, the bridges are also important to Sacramento.

They would pose a convenience for Sacramento residents trying to go west, and would help spur waterfront development on both sides of the river, he said.

The bridges would likely require a large shot of money from the federal government, as well as local matching funds, Cabaldon projected. The first step is to finalize plans for new bridges and get them onto the re-

gional set of priorities of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, to help get in line for funding.

When could new bridges start going up, whatever the final sites chosen?

"There's no way we're going to be in construction in the next couple of years," Cabaldon answered.

After that, it's anybody's guess.

AGENCY from page 1

through" agreement with the redevelopment agency would disappear, said Cabaldon.

"Redevelopment is also the primary way virtually all jurisdictions in California handle capital projects," he said. "Redevelopment essentially says you can borrow against the funds you are going to make later. It says 'if we could just clean up this street, this neighborhood, get rid of the toxics under-

ground, put in sidewalks, then people would move in, our property tax revenue would be higher, and everybody wins in the end.' You could not do what we've done (as a city) without redevelopment."

The city is supporting an outside legal challenge to the state on the issue, said Cabaldon, and is hoping as time runs out to get a reprieve from having to start

dissolving its redevelopment agency.

"The essence of the case is that the voters in the last several elections have enacted ballot measures that restrict the legislature's ability to take money away."

Requiring "pay to play" is an unfair attempt to get around those restrictions, said Cabaldon.

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U.S. Army during WWII. He married Helen Frances Barnes and the family later settled in West Sacramento in 1958. He worked 43 years for the Southern Pacific Railroad and Pacific Motor Trucking Company. Once retired, he enjoyed baking and delivered his goods to all he knew. He and Helen spent their lives unselfishly tending to the needs of family and friends.

A memorial service, including military honors, will be held at the family home. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact sons Rodney or Lex for details. Burial will be at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Dixon.

Sex offenders contacted

The "Child Sexual Predator Unit" of the Yolo County District Attorney's office joined local police jurisdictions in contacting registered sex offenders in the county on July 19-20. The county has 436 registered registered sex offenders.

Local police joined the D.A. in contacting 183 county-wide, including 13 sexual offense registrants living at the Granada Motel. There were 15 arrests for various offenses, including warrants or possession of materials prohibited under terms of

parole.

Computer specialists from the D.A.'s office, CHP and FBI used computer software to search for illicit materi-

als on the computers of some probationers and parolees.

It was the second annual "compliance check" of its type in Yolo County.

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